Heavy industries in rural areas

2665. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of heavy industries, including Government sector, private sector and MNCs, that have come up during the past decade, State-wise;

(b) whether priority is given to rural areas while permitting the setting up of heavy industries; and

(c) if so, the details of heavy industries that have come up in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) There is no formal classification of industries as 'heavy*. However, there are thirty four operating Public Sector Enterprises under the Administrative control of the Department of Heavy Industry. This Department has not set up any new Public Sector Enterprises in the last ten years.

(b) and (c) The Government of India acts as a facilitator for creating new industries. The State Governments offer various incentives to woo the enterpreneurs to set up industries in their states and the choice of location lies with the individual enterpreneurs. The Government of India has, however, been supplementing the efforts of State Governments for accelerating the industrial development of backward areas and special category states through various policies and packages of incentives, like Growth Centre Scheme, Transport Subsidy Scheme etc.

PSUs entry in capital markets

2666. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow Public Sector undertakings to tap capital markets to raise funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.